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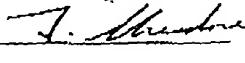
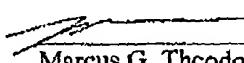
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Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 11/10/03, an office conference is requested with the Examiner to discuss the *Eppich* reference before a formal response is filed to insure that Applicant is employing the same terminology for the parts as is the Examiner. Specifically, Applicant seeks to adopt a common language to point out the following differences between Applicant's invention and the Eppich reference shown in the attached table.

Applicant's attorney will be in Washington, D.C the week of December 20, 2003, and would be able to meet with the Examiner on the 22, 23, or 24, if convenient. If not, a telephone conference is requested to clarify the terminology used by the Examiner so that Applicant can more meaningfully respond to the last office action with similar language. It is apparent from the last office action that the Examiner is using the terminology in the claims in a manner not contemplated by applicant as the two devices function in different manners and have differing scopes of application.

In addition, the file should reflect that Applicant will be filing formal black and white drawings in conformance with the Examiner's requirements and therefore will not seek permission for the utilization of colored drawings. This requirement for formal drawings is again requested to be deferred until completion of the action on the merits.

Dated this 18th day of November 2003.


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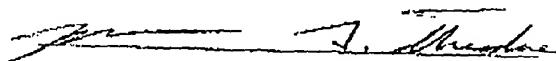
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Reference Comparison				
Patent Reference	Components	Cover Used With	Independence	Cover Contact Forces
Eppich	Two part modular housing for electronic components having: a box-like lower base unit containing electronic components, and an upper surface including a key board, slot reader displays, etc. in the upper surface, and a cover with sidewalls forming an opening increasing the upper surface, when closed, such that its sidewalls fit within grooves in the top of the lower base unit.	Only with Eppich	Only with Eppich	Integral part of modular base unit fitting in Eppich housing
Katsanenas	Cover with sidewalls forming an opening encompassing and surrounding an entire bank card terminal such that its sidewalls rest on an independent support surface supporting the bank card terminal in a manner to isolate the bank card terminal	Any bank card terminal	Non-integral with bank card terminal	Directed onto non-integral support surface without contacting bank card terminal or affecting it

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